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The Honorable Marko Liias
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The Honorable Jake Fey
415 John L. O'Brien Building
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Dear Senator Liias and Representative Fey:

We applaud the inclusion of \$3.4 billion from the bipartisan *Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act* (IIJA) in the Legislature's "Move Ahead Washington" transportation package. These IIJA dollars, which account for more than 20 percent of the funding you outline in the package, is a critical first step toward getting federal infrastructure dollars out to Washington communities to put people to work, drive economic recovery, and build a cleaner and greener transportation network statewide.

We appreciate your commitment to investing these funds equitably and sustainably, and we are committed to working with you to realize the full promise of IIJA funds included in the "Move Ahead Washington" package. To help accomplish this goal, please share any details on the proposed timing of fund allocations and how the state will implement this package.

In addition to the formula funding included in "Move Ahead Washington," new and expanded competitive grants under the IIJA are available for eligible state, local and Tribal governments. We will continue to work with communities and organizations in our districts to facilitate federal investment in projects that boost manufacturing, create well-paying union jobs, expand equity and drive long-term economic growth.

We congratulate you on the announcement of your proposed Washington transportation package and look forward to working with you to build the future of our state.

Sincerely,



Rick Larsen
U.S. Representative



Marilyn Strickland
U.S. Representative



Suzan DelBene
U.S. Representative



Kim Schrier, M.D.
U.S. Representative



Derek Kilmer
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